

Originally from Chicago, Frederick served in numerous capacities, beginning with the Army during the Korean conflict from 1951 to 1952. He worked for A.E. Staley Manufacturing Co. as a draftsman for 25 years, retiring in 1992. His dedication to Decatur society was vigorous, including over 3 years as president of the Decatur Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People [NAACP], in which time he pushed hard for increased minority hiring by the Decatur School Board and was a tireless proponent of affirmative action. Frederick was an integral part of St. Peter's African Methodist/Episcopal Church, where he sang in the senior and male choirs, served as secretary of the trustees department, was in charge of black history, and participated in the official board of the church.

Mr. Speaker, Frederick touched lives in his various roles, and it is obvious that he cared a great deal not only for his immediate circle of acquaintances, but tried to spread good works to all he could. This kind of love and commitment to community is not as prevalent as it should be, and I am grateful that Decatur had such a role model as Frederick for so many years. Frederick has been described as "effective and forceful" without being loud and antagonistic." I would ask that we all try to emulate his example. I am proud to have represented Frederick in the U.S. Congress, and I will remember the way he represented the city of Decatur.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION
OF H.R. 2202, IMMIGRATION IN
THE NATIONAL INTEREST ACT
OF 1995

SPEECH OF

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 19, 1996

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I am offering an amendment to H.R. 2202, the Immigration in the National Interest Act, as part of this en bloc amendment to correct an injustice done to the Polish community during the 1995 diversity visa process.

During the visa lottery, the State Department committed an error which resulted in 49,895 Poles being notified that they were eligible for visas. These individuals were not told that a maximum of 3,850 visas were available, or how many of their countrymen they were competing against. Thousands sent in the \$130 fee, only to be denied a visa.

For all other nationalities, approximately two to four times as many applicants were notified as there were visas distributed. More than 12 times as many Poles were notified than the quantity of visas designated for this nationality.

The State Department's error was completely preventable and never should have occurred. Therefore, my amendment would require the Department of State to refund the \$130 fee paid by the thousands of Polish applicants who did not receive a visa. In addition, the Department would be required to review and revise its procedures to ensure that this type of situation does not happen again—to Poles or anyone else.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in pursuing justice for the thousands of Poles who were the victims of this bureau-

cratic bungle. I urge a vote in support of this en bloc amendment.

TRIBUTE TO TRINITY ASSEMBLY
CHURCH

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 1996

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Trinity Assembly Church in Algood, TN, on recent completion of their new Sanctuary Complex. In the life of a church and a community, this is a monumental event. It is a testament to the years of hard work and dedication of this congregation.

The completion of the new sanctuary complex is not only of great benefit to the congregation at Trinity Assembly, but to the entire community of Algood. This new facility greatly enhances the ability of Trinity to conduct community outreach. This complex will allow Trinity to provide greater counseling and help to those in need.

Trinity Assembly was established in 1966 by Rev. W.F. Carlile. In 1983 there were 40 parishioners. Now, only 13 years later, there are over 1,200 parishioners at Trinity Assembly. The current pastor of Trinity, Eddie Turner, has displayed an expertise in leadership that is to be commended. His hard work and devotion has been instrumental in the growth and prosperity of this church. It is a credit to the entire community that this church has experienced such phenomenal success.

I offer my best wishes for many more years of growth to the congregation of Trinity Assembly.

AMERICAN RED CROSS: MEETING
THE TEST OF A TOUGH WINTER
IN RHODE ISLAND

HON. JACK REED

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 1996

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to let my colleagues know about the outstanding work of the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Red Cross during the terrible winter of 1995-96.

Even though spring is now officially here, it will be a long time before Rhode Islanders forget this past winter.

The harsh weather shattered all previous records for Rhode Island winters. We had the heaviest cumulative snowfall in recorded Rhode Island history, 93.2 inches; 75.6 inches was the previous record. Starting with last November 13, Rhode Island had 37 days of snowfall, with 11 major snowstorms rolling through our State.

In addition to the harsh weather, this past winter has also brought terrible environmental and human tragedy to Rhode Island.

On January 19, the oil barge *North Cape* ran aground on a southern Rhode Island beach, spilling over 800,000 gallons of home heating oil into our State's pristine coastal environment. Once this disaster began, it set into motion an emergency response and cleanup

process that lasted days and involved over 1,000 Federal, State and local officials, private contractors, and U.S. Coast Guard personnel.

In terms of human tragedy, this past winter has been a season of terrible home fires in Rhode Island. According to the office of Rhode Island's Fire Marshal, the winter of 1995-96 was a time when the loss of life and destruction of property in Rhode Island due to fire showed a marked increase over previous years.

The one constant throughout all of Rhode Island's winter hardship was the hard work of the staff and volunteers of the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Red Cross.

The Red Cross was there during all the winter storms. When a snow plow hit an electrical transformer, knocking out power to a Bristol nursing home, the Red Cross helped evacuate the nursing home residents. When Pawtucket snow removal crews working round-the-clock needed cots to rest on before going back out on the road, the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Red Cross got it done.

The Red Cross was also there during the *North Cape* oilspill. Throughout the cleanup, 110 Rhode Island Red Cross Chapter volunteers were on the scene providing over 8,500 meals, enabling work crews to stay at their jobs from sunup to sundown.

And the Red Cross was there for all of Rhode Island's tragic winter fires. From last November until the end of winter, the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Red Cross helped an estimated 400 Rhode Islanders get back on their feet after a total of 125 fires.

It is in the aftermath of a fire that Rhode Island's Red Cross Chapter provides perhaps its most valuable ongoing service to our State. Last year, 26 Rhode Islanders died as a result of fire. When this tragedy does occur, the Red Cross is there with counseling for survivors and for emergency response crews. The volunteers and staff of the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Red Cross also provide food, shelter, and clothing—often in the middle of the night—for Rhode Islanders whose homes have been destroyed by fire.

The Rhode Island Chapter of American Red Cross performs all these tasks, with a small staff, a very limited budget and an army of dedicated volunteers. I commend the chairman of the board of the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Red Cross, Richard Moore, its executive director, Barbara G. DeCesare, and the entire staff of the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Red Cross, for all their hard work. Most of all, I would like to thank all of Rhode Island's Red Cross volunteers, for helping our State make it through a difficult winter.

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SPEECH OF

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 19, 1996

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, as the House of Representatives begins debate on our comprehensive immigration bill today, I would like to focus on the human costs of our current immigration policy to highlight our most compelling argument for reform.

I grew up in San Diego County, who can actually see our neighbors across our border with Mexico from his own backyard, I brought a unique perspective from San Diego to Washington when elected to Congress.

Specifically, I was interested in educating Washington about its failed immigration policies, and the financial costs and human tragedies that these policies produced.

I would like to enter into the RECORD the following news articles from my hometown paper, The San Diego Union Tribune. These are headlines that me and my constituents see every day. The news stories are a common occurrence, appearing with the same predictable regularity as our weather reports.

Let me read you a few.

From March 29, 1995: "Fall kills border agent in foot chase."

From May 5, 1995: "Alien smugglers are packing cars for perilous treks."

From January 26, 1996: "Border crosser, told to pack no provisions, dies in mountains."

From February 22, 1996: "31 immigrants caught in stolen vehicles."

And just this morning: "Immigrant-document counterfeiting plant raided; 12 arrested."

Most illegals who enter our country are seeking a better life, however, this motivation leaves them vulnerable. In San Diego, illegals will literally risk life and limb running up I-5 during rush hour traffic.

Illegals crossing the Mexico border starve before losing their way, or die of exposure in the mountains. We hear constant reports of the horrific, filthy, inhumane conditions they endure at the hands of smugglers, or "coyotes."

Alien smugglers make money from their human cargo, and often entangle drug smuggling and other criminal activities in this enterprise. Illegal aliens are robbed and murdered; women and girls are brutally raped and abused by those involved in this insidious activity.

As someone who grew up on our border with Mexico, someone who has pulled the corpses of illegals who drowned trying to cross the Tijuana River, I would like to tell you that this country's immigration system is broken, as these tales of tragedy and loss illustrate.

I hope that our debate does not focus on intentions. Those who seek a better life in the United States should not be vilified.

However, we must remove the attractive nuisance of public benefits which are available to illegal immigrants; we must give employers a way to verify the legal status of new employees, we must eliminate the backlog of legal immigrants waiting to be granted access—those who wish to abide by our laws but are frustrated by the pace of assimilation, and thus inclined to break the law to enter the United States.

These are the distorted set of incentives that current immigration law has created.

These distorted incentives reward those who break our laws, and frustrate those who wish to abide by them.

Our current immigration system antagonizes and is contradictory to the very basis of the American dream. The American dream is based upon freedom and hard work.

However, if those who wish to be American citizens enter our country illegally, they cannot expect to enjoy the benefits of our freedom; they cannot legally work to support them-

selves and their families; therefore they cannot hope to leave a better future for their children.

I hope that my colleagues will join with me to reform our immigration laws to create a more compassionate system, and eliminate the incentives in our current laws which cause so much suffering.

IMMIGRANT-DOCUMENT COUNTERFEITING PLANT RAIDED; 12 ARRESTED (By Leonel Sanchez)

SAN YSIDRO.—U.S. Border Patrol agents brought down a one-stop illegal immigration service operating out of an apartment here yesterday, confiscating more than 3,000 fake documents.

Agents arrested 12 people at the apartment and seized material used to make phony immigration documents, including "several official Mexican and United States immigration seals and stamps," a Border Patrol spokesman said.

The noontime raid came as illegal border crossings in the San Diego area were on the increase. A phony legal U.S. residence card, also known as a "green card," can cost up to \$500, Border Patrol spokesman Jim Pilkington said.

"Our agents disrupted a substantial and sophisticated false-document ring and dealt a serious blow to a very sophisticated organization," Pilkington said.

He said the investigation continues and more arrests are expected.

The raid followed a two-month investigation by agents assigned to "Operation Wildcat," which targets smugglers in San Ysidro.

Agents hit pay dirt when they executed a search warrant at an unidentified apartment near Interstate 5. They found eight men and women who had recently crossed the border illegally and were waiting to be transported north. Pilkington said they were to be deported.

The four others arrested at the apartment were U.S. citizens and legal U.S. residents. At least three of them are facing felony charges of immigrant smuggling and counterfeiting.

Agents initially reported finding only 200 phony documents in the apartment but later said they found many more in different places.

In all, they found 2,000 immigration documents, including Mexican passports; travel permits; border crossing, legal residency and work authorization cards; and California driver licenses.

Agents also seized \$5,000, four cellular phones and special scissors, glue, "and numerous photographs" that were to be material to make fake documents.

FALL KILLS BORDER AGENT IN FOOT CHASE (By Leonel Sanchez)

A midnight dash after illegal immigrants cost a Border Patrol rookie his life yesterday. It was the first local death in the agency in 20 years.

The agent, Luis A. Santiago, 30, fell from a steep cliff while chasing a group of people near a dam in Otay Lakes.

"It was just a tragic accident that could have happened to any of our officers," said local Border Patrol Chief Johnny Williams. "It points to the dangers of doing this job." Sheriff's and Border Patrol investigators said Santiago's death was accidental.

It comes at a time when the Border Patrol is cracking down on illegal immigration along San Diego County's border with Mexico, where more illegal crossings occur than anywhere else along the 2,000-mile international boundary. Part of that crackdown has included an unprecedented influx of rookie agents fresh from the agency's training academy in Georgia.

Santiago was among 279 new agents who have arrived here since the October start of Operation Gatekeeper.

The ex-military man had been on the force less than 10 months, the past six at the Chula Vista station. Agents at the station patrol the area east of Heritage Road, which in recent months has become the sector's hot spot for illegal crossings.

A concentration of agents to the west had shifted the illicit traffic in their direction.

At 12:40 a.m. yesterday, Santiago and three other agents—including a training officer—were patrolling a canyon area near Lower Otay Reservoir when they saw a group of 15 to 20 illegal border crossers.

The people scattered when they saw the agents approaching. Santiago raced up a canyon rim after some of them, leaving his fellow agents behind.

The area on top has grass that quickly gives way to loose rocks.

That time of the morning, the grass is quite damp from dew and slippery," Williams said. "He tried to step around a rock and lost his foothold."

Santiago fell at least 100 feet down a hill with jagged rocks.

The other agents heard a scream and rushed to find him.

He was lying about 150 yards south of the dam. They immediately tried to resuscitate him.

Soon they were joined by paramedics. But they, too, were unable to revive him.

He died from head injuries, Border Patrol spokeswoman Ann Summers said.

Agents apprehended at least two illegal crossers in the canyon, but they could not be linked to the group that Santiago was chasing. They were expected to be deported.

Santiago was to have completed the 10-month training period next week and then would have been eligible to take a two-hour written and oral examination to become a permanent Border Patrol agent.

He lived in Chula Vista and is survived by family members in his native Puerto Rico.

Human rights activists have questioned whether the agency in its haste to deploy agents on the line rapidly, is allowing sufficient training time.

Border Patrol officials defended the training, saying safety is stressed at all times.

"No one is going to do anything to endanger their life or anybody else's life, not intentionally," Summers said.

New recruits spend four months at an academy in Glynco, Ga., where they undergo weapon training and study Spanish and immigration law.

Afterward, they are sent to one of the agency's sectors for an additional six months of training. They are teamed up with experienced agents and learn about the area's terrain, particularly the key paths used by the illegal crossers.

Santiago was the first agent in the sector to die in the line of duty since Glenn A. Phillips was killed in a vehicle accident on the border in July 1974.

And he was the second agent to die on the job this year along the southern border. An agent was killed in a vehicle accident while patrolling in south Texas, officials said.

The mood among agents in the San Diego sector was somber yesterday. It was in stark contrast to the previous day, when morale ran high as 45 new agents arrived.

The U.S. flag flew at half-staff at the sector's headquarters in San Ysidro, and agents wore black ribbons around their badges.

Agents usually worry more about confrontations with illegal crossers than about falling while running, said Brent Johnson, 33, who has been on the force eight years.

"You can prepare yourself for the confrontations, but there's little you can do to

prevent an unforeseen accident," Johnson said.

Most of the serious injuries involve vehicle accidents on hilly and bumpy roads. Agents also pay a physical price while running after the crossers.

"Sometimes it's just a sprained ankle, a stubbed toe, a broken finger, scrapes and cuts," Summers said. "It's not uncommon for agents to get injured, seriously injured. We've been fairly lucky."

BORDER FUGITIVE PLUNGES TO DEATH (By Stacy Finz)

Repeating a tragedy in the dark, a man trying to evade a U.S. Border Patrol agent plunged to his death and five other men were injured when they ran off a 120-foot cliff near Otay Lakes Dam Saturday night.

The cliff is about 50 yards from the place where a Border Patrol agent fell to his death last year while chasing illegal border crossers.

The FBI and the U.S. Attorney's Office are investigating Saturday's events because of reports that the agent may have fired his gun, panicking the group.

The agent, whose name has not been released, has denied firing his weapon. He has been assigned to administrative duty pending the outcome of the investigation.

Robert Walsh, the FBI special agent in charge of the San Diego office, said the agent's gun is being tested to determine whether it was fired.

At a press conference yesterday, Border Patrol Chief Johnny Williams said the agent was near Otay Lakes Dam when he spotted a group of 15 suspected illegal crossers and hid in the brush until they passed.

He began tailing the group, and then ordered them to stop, said Border Patrol spokesman Ron Henley.

Nine complied. Six broke into a run, Williams said.

Shortly thereafter, the agent heard cries and screams and found that the six men had fallen off a sheer cliff, Williams said.

"We see a lot of things in the course of our duty," said Henley, who helped give medical aid to the injured men. "But to see this was like seeing a herd of cattle that had just fallen off a cliff."

Henley said the men apparently didn't see the rugged drop, which is filled with boulders and jagged rocks. The incident happened about 9:40 p.m., according to the Border Patrol.

An agent also was injured in the rescue operation and was taken out of the area by helicopter.

Four of the injured men have been released from area hospitals and are being questioned, Williams said. They, and the nine men who surrendered, are being held on suspicion of entering this country illegally.

Officials would not release their names, but said they are men in their 20s and 30s who came from all parts of Mexico.

U.S. Attorney Alan Bersin said smugglers should be blamed for Saturday's death. Officials said they believe the 15 men paid a minimum of \$300 each to a guide, who brought them to the isolated area, only about four miles from the border.

"The people who led these people here, and one man to his death, have to be dealt with," Bersin said. "As a matter of public safety we must stop the smuggling of human beings. These people are profiting off the misery of others' poverty."

Bersin praised agents for what he called bringing law back to the border. Regarding the investigation into whether the agent fired his gun, Bersin said: "Allegations are just allegations at this point."

Saturday night's incident was reminiscent of rookie Agent Luis Santiago's fall to his

death last March, when he slipped from a cliff while chasing a group of suspected illegal crossers near the Lower Otay Reservoir. Santiago, 30, had raced up a canyon rim after them and plunged 100 feet down a hill with jagged rocks.

No warning signs have been erected since the first accident.

31 IMMIGRANTS CAUGHT IN STOLEN VEHICLES (By Maria C. Hunt)

Thirty-one illegal immigrants who caught a ride through the East County in stolen vehicles were captured by authorities in two separate operations early yesterday.

Those apprehended by the Border Patrol and other authorities were sent back to Mexico voluntarily after the incidents that began in Dulzura and Pine Valley.

While it is not uncommon for Border Patrol agents to capture that many in two hours, a spokesman said they usually don't see vehicles so crammed with people.

"The fact that they were all in stolen vehicles, that's unusual," said spokesman Mark Moody. "And they both came out of East County. That's where everything is taking place."

Border Patrol agents working near the pine Valley Road exit of Interstate 8 pulled behind a suspicious pickup truck and tried to get it to stop about 5 a.m. When the driver did not comply, the agents ended the pursuit for safety reasons. They had lost sight of the truck for a few minutes when they spotted a cloud of dust ahead.

The truck had left the road and hit a guard rail of the Pine Valley creek bridge, coming to rest on the other side of the barrier. About 13 people got out of the truck and waited while agents went down the embankment to chase a few people who had tried to hide in the brush.

When the agents returned, a sheriff's deputy helped them extinguish a fire that had started in the truck. None of the 17 people captured needed medical treatment, Moody said. Although most of the people in the truck, which had been reported stolen from San Diego, were captured, authorities were unable to identify the driver.

About an hour later, Border Patrol agents arrested 14 people who had been traveling in a double-horse trailer pulled by a pickup truck, said spokesman Jim Pilkington.

Shortly after the truck was stolen from the owner's front yard around 6 a.m., someone drove it through the Highway 94 checkpoint without stopping. Agents in a marked Border Patrol car tried to get the westbound truck to stop, but the driver kept going, so they ended the chase.

Undercover agents were following at a safe distance as the truck drove onto northbound Interstate 805 and pulled to the median near Murray Ridge Road, Pilkington said. When the truck stopped, about 30 people spilled out of the trailer and truck and scattered across the freeway.

While 14 of those people were apprehended, the rest got away.

None was hit by cars and no collisions occurred.

BORDER CROSSER, TOLD TO PACK NO PROVISIONS, DIES IN MOUNTAINS (By Leonel Sanchez)

ALPINE.—The medical examiner said José Luis Centeno died of natural causes.

But it was probably his ordeal in the East County mountains that killed the 35-year-old Mexican on Wednesday.

He was among a group of illegal border crossers whose smugglers told them not to pack any food or water because they would be hiking for only five hours, the Border Patrol said.

Centeno and a friend became separated from the group and spent four days wandering in the rugged mountains, where overnight temperatures dipped near freezing.

Border Patrol agents found the two men by the side of Japatul Road near Hidden Glen before dawn Wednesday.

Centeno was having difficulty breathing and went into cardiac arrest.

Paramedics tried to revive him, but he was pronounced dead an hour after being found.

His friend, Demetrio Moreno Esquivel, was interviewed later by the Mexican Consulate, but information on his whereabouts was not available yesterday.

Centeno died in a mountain area where agents from the Campo station are increasingly making arrests.

Campo agents made 2,735 arrests last month, compared with 853 in December 1994. The Border Patrol's crackdown in the Imperial Beach area has deliberately pushed the illegal immigrant traffic east of the San Ysidro Port of Entry.

Thus, illegal border crossers are being forced to find new routes to enter the United States.

Some have paid the ultimate price.

On Saturday, a still unidentified illegal border crosser was killed when he and five others ran off a cliff near a dam near Otay Lakes while trying to elude a Border Patrol agent. A second man suffered head injuries and was in a coma yesterday at UCSD Medical Center.

In East County, agents said, they routinely find illegal border crossers who have been hiking for days to reach a point where they are picked up for their journey north.

Most carry food and water with them and do not suffer tragic consequences, said Jim Pilkington, a spokesman for the Border Patrol.

ALIEN SMUGGLERS ARE PACKING CARS FOR PERILOUS TREK (By Leonel Sanchez)

The weekend crash that killed three people and injured 16 in Jamul has highlighted a dangerous trend in the smuggling of illegal immigrants through East County.

Smugglers are recklessly crowding people into vehicles and taking them on perilous rides on windy mountain roads in Jamul, Dulzura, Tecate and Campo.

"They don't care how they pack them in. All they care about is the money," said U.S. Border Patrol spokeswoman Ann Summers.

The Jamul crash underscored the risks illegal immigrants take to get North.

Thirty-six people were crammed in the Ford van that struck a pickup truck Saturday night on state Route 94. The crash killed the pickup driver and two van riders.

Agents were not surprised by what happened.

They have been seeing large groups of illegal immigrants, sometimes up to 100, congregated in the desolate stretches in East County near the border.

Many cross on foot, jumping or going around the steel fence near the Tecate border crossing, then board a van or truck waiting nearby to take them to Los Angeles. They pay as much as \$375 apiece.

In East County, state Route 94 has become the smugglers' preferred route to get to major roads and freeways, where they can blend into traffic.

From Tecate, state Route 94 leads to Jamacha, Otay Lakes, Honey Springs and Buckman Springs roads.

Guides familiar with the area's mountainous terrain are in heavy demand as are smugglers with access to large vehicles.

East County mountain residents are feeling the impact of the new traffic and are complaining to authorities.

Border Patrol officials have met with residents and re to meet again May 15 at the Dulzura Community Center.

"We've told them we're concerned about it too and are getting resources there to deal with the problem," Summers said.

Overtime pay has been approved for more agents to work in East County, she said.

Illegal crossings have risen there mostly because the U.S. Border Patrol has been effective in stopping illegal traffic farther west in the Imperial Beach-San Ysidro area.

Arrest records for the past seven months show the illegal crossing hot spots now are near Chula Vista, Brown Field, El Cajon and Campo.

Arrests in Imperial Beach were down 52 percent in April compared with the same month last year from 23,855 to 11,348, according to records.

Elsewhere in the 66-mile-wide sector, arrests continued to soar.

Arrests in Chula Vista, Broken Field and El Cajon rose 34 percent, 126 percent and 824 percent, respectively, in April compared with the same period last year.

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Arrests were down from March, however, when 61,687 were made.

Immigration officials maintain that their strategy is working because the illegal traffic is shifting east to isolated areas where they are easier to apprehend.

Officials said they anticipated illegal crossings going up during the first quarter of the year because of seasonal labor patterns. The devaluation of the Mexican peso also has been a factor.

Would-be crossers are still arriving in Tijuana to probe the border there or hook up with a smuggler. Many now end up walking or riding to the border area in East County, said the CHP's Summers.

Some are trying to enter through the desert area near Calexico. In past summers, people have gotten lost there and died.

In East County, meanwhile, smugglers appear to be brazen and reckless in their attempt to move their human cargo north. Agents are foiling their trips near the border and as far north as Temecula.

In the past month, agents at that southern Riverside County check-point have intercepted five vehicles loaded with illegal immigrants, something that's relatively rare there.

The most recent happened hours apart Tuesday when agents found 97 illegal immigrants in two rental trucks. Agents found one of the trucks on the median of Interstate 15 with 38 people aboard.

In April, agents found a rental truck abandoned in De Luz Road in Fallbrook. Inside were 48 illegal immigrants. Three women who had fainted were treated for heat exhaustion and dehydration.

HONORING FRANK MOORE ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. WILLIAM F. GOODLING

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 1996

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Mr. Frank Moore, a longtime resident of the 19th Congressional District of Pennsylvania, on his 100th birthday. Mr. Moore celebrated this momentous occasion surrounded by his loving family and many friends on March 4, 1996.

Mr. Moore was born in 1896 in Waynesboro, PA, and has lived in York since he was

6 years old. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the First World War. A graduate of York High School, he married Emma Goodling. Their children blessed them with three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mr. Moore's life has borne witness to world-changing events of the twentieth century. His life has been guided by important values: strong religious belief and work ethic, dedication and service to his country, respect for himself and others, and love of his family. He most certainly is a role model for all Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to honor Mr. Moore today. I pray God will grant him many more happy and healthy years. Happy birthday, Frank.

HONORING ALVARADO MIDDLE SCHOOL

HON. JAY KIM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 1996

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today and salute Principal Hunt and the teachers and students of Alvarado Intermediate School in Rowland Heights for having been awarded the Blue Ribbon School Award by the U.S. Secretary of Education.

Blue ribbon awards honor 266 secondary, middle, and junior high schools around the country for showing exceptional dedication to providing a top notch education to its students. Alvarado Middle School was the only school in the 41st district to achieve this special honor. Blue ribbon schools must show strong leadership, a clear vision and sense of mission that is shared by all connected with the school, high quality teaching, a challenging up-to-date curriculum, policies and practices that ensure a safe environment conducive to learning, a solid commitment to parental involvement, and evidence that the school helps all students achieve high standards.

Alvarado Intermediate School was selected through a highly competitive process in which State education departments, the Department of Defense Dependent Schools, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Council for American Private Education nominate schools which best meet the superior standards of the award. The selected schools are then visited and reviewed by a panel of 100 outstanding members of the education community. This panel then makes final recommendations to the U.S. Secretary of Education. Alvarado intermediate will be honored this spring at a national ceremony in Washington, DC where the school will be given a plaque and a special flag to fly.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Alvarado Intermediate School for its uncommon dedication to preparing its students for the challenges they will face growing up in and around Los Angeles County. Behind this Blue Ribbon Award is a dedicated group of faculty, students, and staff whose commitment to education is an example for schools around the country to follow.

TRIBUTE TO MILWAUKEE'S COMMUNITY BRAINSTORMING CONFERENCE

HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 1996

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, it is with pride today that I celebrate an important event that will take place in the city of Milwaukee. On Friday, March 22, the Community Brainstorming Conference [CBC] of Milwaukee will gather to celebrate its 10th anniversary. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting the outstanding achievements of this remarkable coalition of leaders from a great community.

In February 1986, Samuel L. Johnson and Reuben K. Harpole, Jr., invited 13 people to a meeting at Saint Matthew's CME Church to discuss a series of vital issues facing Milwaukee's African-American community. The meeting was highly productive, and it was decided that a public forum of community activists should convene on the fourth Saturday of each month. The rest is history, and the CBC continues to fulfill its mission to this very day.

From day one, the CBC has represented the essence of grassroots political participation, and has made a significant impact at the local, State, and national level. Beyond the political arena, the CBC is actively engaged in a wide array of activities. In 1994, the CBC is actively engaged in a wide array of activities. In 1994, the CBC created its foundation to tap the creative talents of African-Americans, especially the young people in our community. To build on this progress, the CBC is moving aggressively to create new scholarship and fellowship opportunities.

Having personally taken part in CBC meetings and projects on many occasions, I can personally attest to its unflinching and dedicated membership. The men and women of the CBC consistently rise above and beyond the call of duty to make our community a better place to live. I am proud to have worked with the CBC and have come to rely on the policy expertise and good counsel of its membership. As we rapidly approach the 21st century, we need the CBC's voice today more than ever before.

Mr. Speaker I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Milwaukee's Community Brainstorming Conference. I join with the city of Milwaukee in wishing this outstanding organization a happy 10th anniversary, and wish the CBC continued success in our community.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE MAX WRIGHT

HON. ANDREW JACOBS, JR.

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 1996

Mr. JACOBS. Mr. Speaker, as can be seen by the following, Max Wright was a superlative human being. He was a minister of the gospel, a labor leader, an auctioneer and a delightful musician. The loss of Max Wright is a loss to us all.

MAX WRIGHT HAD WORKED WITH AFL-CIO

Max F. Wright, 80, Beech Grove, a retired labor leader, Church of Christ minister, singer and auctioneer, died March 15.